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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 20 OCTOBER 2008**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted via EFS-Web in response to the Office Action dated 20 October 2008, for which the three-month date for response was 20 January 2009. A Petition for Extension of Time, along with the requisite fee, requesting a one-month extension for responding to the Office Action until 20 February 2009, is submitted herewith.

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**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

A fee in the amount of \$130.00 for the two-month extension of time is being paid concurrently with the filing of this paper via EFS-Web. No other fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **502806**.

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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.